(iii) Banks are also given the freedom to offer fixed or floating rates on term deposits linked to an anchor rate with the approval of their respective Boards. Savings bank deposit rate is, however, determined by the RBI from time to time.

Development of Trivandrum International Airport

*191 SHRI N.K. PREMACHNDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land acquisition process for the development of Trivandrum International Airport has been completed;

(b) if so, by when the development/construction activities of new terminal would be completed;

(c) whether any foreign airlines have offered to conduct new services from Trivandrum International Airport;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Govenment have taken any decision in the matter so far; and

(e) what is the present status of the proposal of starting Cannoor Airport in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There are plans to construct a new international terminal complex at the Chackai canal side at Trivandrum Airport subject to required land being acquired and handed over by the State Government free of cost and free of all encumbrances.

(c) and (d) No request is pending from any foreign airlines for Trivandrum as a point of call.

(e) A Committee appinted to look into a number of relevant issues like technical feasibility, safety of operations, financial viability of the project has submitted its recommendations which is under examination.